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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE, AND LISTING OF ALL CLAIMS WITH PROPER IDENTIFIERS

- (Currently amended) A device for linearly moving a useful mass, comprising:
 - at least one spindle;
 - at least one drive rotating the at least one spindle;
 - a first spindle nut coupled with the useful mass and moving the useful mass in a first direction along the spindle; and
 - a second spindle nut coupled with a compensating mass and moving the compensating mass movable synchronously with the useful mass in a second direction opposite to the first direction, so that a momentum of the useful mass is compensated by a momentum of the compensating mass.
- 2. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one spindle comprises a single spindle having has two threaded sections with opposite leads for commonly moving the useful mass and the compensating mass, with a first one of the two threaded sections coupled to the compensating mass and having a pitch that is greater than a pitch of the second other one of the threaded section[[,]] which is coupled to the useful mass and with the first spindle nut coupled to the first section and the second spindle nut coupled to the second section, wherein the useful mass and the compensating mass are commonly moved on the single spindle.
- 3. (Currently amended) The device of claim 1, wherein the at least one spindle comprises two spindles collinearly further comprising a second said spindle driven by a second said drive, and a second spindle nut mounted to the second spindle and coupled to the compensating mass, with the two spindles connected collinearly with each other by a mechanical coupling element[[.]] each of the two spindles driven by a separate one of the at least

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one drive, with the first spindle nut coupled to a first of the two spindles and the second spindle nut coupled to the second spindle.

4.-7. (Canceled)